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Field Crops

For the week ending August 6, ninety-seven percent of the cotton acreage have set bolls, and 20 percent of the cotton acreage have bolls opening. The cotton harvest is just beginning in Yuma area. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair

to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State improved slightly, but remain very poor to poor.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped carrots, dry onions, seeded and seedless watermelons, and other miscellaneous melons. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, green onions, and seeded and seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	4	25	55	16
Cotton	0	0	51	37	12
Range and Pasture	47	27	17	8	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton - Setting Bolls	97	96	86	94
Cotton - Bolls Opening	20	10	8	14

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending August 6. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Safford to 4 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 44

degrees. Precipitation was reported at 12 of the 22 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the most at 2.50 inches. Payson and Prescott received the lowest precipitation at 0.18 inches. There are now 4 of 22 reporting stations at above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
July 31 - August 6, 2006

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	84	3	103	67	0.00	1.07	-4.39
Buckeye	89	-3	108	71	0.00	1.52	-2.22
Canyon De Chelly	75	-1	95	58	2.50	5.13	0.14
Coolidge	87	-2	104	70	0.00	3.40	-0.67
Douglas	75	-4	91	64	1.65	5.00	-1.63
Flagstaff	63	-4	79	48	0.73	8.77	-3.89
Grand Canyon	64	4	83	44	0.64	5.12	-6.97
Kingman	80	-4	95	61	0.00	2.81	-2.52
Marana	83	-4	98	67	0.35	8.99	3.25
Maricopa	88	-1	106	72	0.00	3.58	-0.32
Paloma	88	-4	106	70	0.00	1.80	-1.83
Parker	88	-3	107	68	0.00	0.26	-2.14
Payson	71	-5	87	57	0.18	4.77	-6.78
Phoenix	92	-2	103	81	0.00	2.86	-0.88
Prescott	71	-2	86	55	0.18	4.44	-6.19
Roll	87	-5	109	65	0.00	1.13	-0.23
Safford	77	-6	93	65	1.03	4.75	0.18
St. Johns	76	3	94	61	0.75	3.47	-2.25
Tucson	81	-5	94	66	1.93	6.35	0.53
Willcox	79	2	93	68	1.26	5.60	-0.67
Winslow	75	-4	91	58	0.63	1.40	-2.50
Yuma	88	-4	108	69	0.00	0.51	-0.95

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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